



We are working on updating the Rules at this Time. 11.25.09

Official Rules: **Updated 11.25.09**

2010 - "ASA" Rec League & Youth League World Series
Riverside Park – Zanesville, Ohio / **August 6, 7, 8 – 2010**

Cut off Date July 15, 2010

Governed by: Amateur Softball Association (ASA) - Rules
Some Rules may be altered to fit Tournament particular needs

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COACHES' _____

- Maintain and develop an understanding of current “ASA” & **R.L.Y.L. World Series** Rules.
- Make sure players are legally equipped and properly attired for competition.
- Confine discussion with the officials to the interpretation of the playing rules.
- Ban team personnel from using profanity or making personal or malicious remarks towards opponents, fans or officials.
- Abstain from personal action that might provoke players or spectators to unsportsmanlike actions.
- Be in command of players at all times, in order to prevent any unsportsmanlike acts toward officials, fans or opponents.
- Seek assistance from the appropriate individuals in controlling unruly spectators or fans.

Zero Tolerance Policy - Profanity, Berating!

Conduct Policy _____

R.L.Y.L. World Series, as an organization, reserves the right to:

- a) interpret the rules using the best judgment of its officials for fair and balanced play;
- b) Restrict player movement(s) among teams without approval from IFA administrative staff;
- c) Remove players from games / tournaments for violating the player conduct policies in Section 12 of this **R.L.Y.L. World Series** rulebook;
- d) Remove a coach from a game / tournament / for sufficient reasons of misconduct. Furthermore, if IFA determines the violations to be so severe as to consider this individual(s) a detriment to the girl's and organization, IFA reserves the right to permanently ban this person(s) by imposing a ban, which can be determined by IFA.
- e) Remove a spectator from a game / tournament / for sufficient reasons of misconduct. Furthermore, if IFA determines the violations to be so severe as to consider this individual(s) a detriment to the girl's and organization, IFA reserves the right to permanently ban this person(s) by imposing a ban, which can be determined by IFA.
- f) Determine rule sets or exceptions for tournaments at the beginning of play that will be in effect for that tournament.

UMPIRES should uphold the integrity of the game, enforce its rules by observing the following guidelines of professionalism and ethics:

- Maintain and develop an understanding of current NIT Fastpitch Rules.
- Be unbiased and fair in decision making, rendering them without regard to the quality of play on the field or the score.
- Honor all contracts and assignments.
- Alcohol and tobacco are prohibited.
- When on-site or in uniform, do not fraternize with coaches, players or fans.
- Work with your partner(s) to arrive at decisions that are ultimately correct and fair.
- Listen and respond in a professional manner to coaches concern(s).
- Information that might be used by a team's future opponent should not be shared.
- Seek assistance for the appropriate individuals in controlling unruly spectators and fans.
- Display a dignified attitude and be polite towards the game and its participants.

Rec-League & Youth League All Stars Class "C" Rules

Class "C" Rec-League, Youth League, All Star Teams Rules.

1.) Continuous Batting order – "Not Mandatory"

a.) Class "C" Team can choose to have Continuous batting order.

2.) Free Substitutes

a.) If player get injury, and must be removed from the game she will be removed from batting order as well. Teams must have a min of 9 players in batting order at

Travel Teams Class "A" Rules

"ASA" Class "A" Travel Teams must qualify.

How to Qualify - Finish in Top Half of the Field in any "ASA" Sanctioned Tournament from June 2009 - July 15, 2010.

Class "C" - "ASA" Rec & Youth All Stars Teams must Qualify

How to Qualify - Participate in 2 "ASA" All Stars type Tournaments or Participate in any 5 Tournaments from June 2009 - July 15, 2010.

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Team Roster: "Your Team Roster must be a min of 9 players"

1.) Continuous Batting order – "Mandatory"

a.) Unless your opponent, has less players then you're Team.

Example- opponent has 11 players, you have 13 players. You may choose to bat only 11 players.

b.) **If a player is injury, and is removed from your batting order.**

Teams must have a min of 9 players in batting order.

If your Team can only bat 8 players or less your Team will take **ONE OUT** every time your number #9 batter is due to bat in your line up. If you're less then 8 players in your Batter order you will be given **ONE OUT** for each missing batter in the line up at the end of your batting order.

Example: Number #2 and Number #5 Batter are out of game, you started with 10 players in your line up. Your Number #2 and #5 batter would be move to the end of lineup, they would become Batter Number #9 Number #10 so you would only take ONE OUT when your Number #9 batter was due to bat. And you wouldn't have any OUT when your Number #10 batter was up.

c.) You can start your game with only 8 players, but will be given ONE OUT every time your number #9 batter is due to bat. You can add your player(s) to you line up at any time.

2.) Free Substitutes

a.) Team may Remove and Replace players on Defense with out penalty.

Pitchers

1.) **Must have one Foot on pitcher rubber, at start of pitch.**

Pitching Distances

18 under, 16 under, 14 under, 12 under **40 Feet**

10 under **35 Feet**

Submit a Protest:

* Tournament Director reserves the right to alter the format due to unforeseen circumstances' *

Tournament Hotline - 1-740-704-5705 Information *only Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday*

Tournament governed by IFA Rules. Some Rules have be altered to fit Tournament particular needs. IFA Sanction Number / may be picked up before the start of your first game.

Coaches must sign in 1 hour before the start of your first game.

Teams must be present for coin toss and ready to begin play 15 minutes before the start of your game.

CHIN STRAPS REQUIRED

Score Cards

Scoring-When the game is over, the umpire will write down your scores on the "score cards" Coaches check that score cards are correct. **Games are "official" 5:00 minute**

after game is complete.

Tournament Format Pool Play, Bracket Play - Double Elimination.

Point System for Pool Play

3 = Win

2 = Tie

1 = Lost

Tie in Pool Play will be decided by : Total Points ,Head to Head, Runs Allowed, Runs Score, Coin Toss

Game Time Limit 1 Hour 20 minutes, World Series Championship 2 Hours or 7 innings.

*** No International Tie breaker for pool play.**

Championship Games: No Time Limit.

Championship Games and Bracket Play: Has International Tie breaker in affect.

* NOTE World Series Championship game will have 3 umpires.

Mercy rule: 8 runs after 4 innings, 7 runs after 5 innings of play.

Teams can use Courtesy runner for Catchers / Pitchers

Defense has 1:00 minute between innings for 3 warm up pitches." Pitcher Change: 3 warm-ups pitches"

Offense has 1:00 minute to have first Batter, ready to receive pitch.

Delay of game [defense] offense will be awarded 1 walk.

Delay of game [offense] defense will be awarded 1 out.

10 under only

11" Softball

10 player in the field, extra player must play outfield.

Pitching rubber will be a distance of 35 feet from home plate.

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Tournament(s) Delay, Rain out Policy

1.) All Game(s) that will be delayed longer than Time Remaining in Game(s), that have Completed 3 innings of play, when game(s) stop will be Scores as a "**Official Completed Game**" by reverting back to last completed inning, unless Home Team is winning.

2.) All Game(s) left on Schedule when play re-starts may be altered, in order to Complete as many Games as possible.

3.) If Games are altered by Shorting Game(s) times we will change the "Run ahead rule" & Mercy rule" 6 runs after 3 innings, 5 runs after 4 innings of play.

* Note: In Extreme cases, the Game length Time will over-ride the "Run ahead rule" and the game will be Declare Complete and Count as a Official Game.

Rain-out Policy:

A.) If no games are able to be played, a "*partial refund*" or "*Credit*" for Future Tournament(s) hosted by

OFC or OFA, may be provided to each team. Full refunds are not possible due to the expenses of the tournament which must be paid prior to the first game played.

B.) No refunds or credits will be given if your team has played at least one game. If extensive rain causes a delay that makes it impossible to complete the tournament format, Tournament Director reserves the right to alter the format due to any unforeseen circumstances.

C.) Example: Tournament may be changed to single elimination.(may use point system)

D.) If weather causes tournament to be canceled after games have been played, a point system will be used to determine the winners.

E.) If we're into "**POOL PLAY**" or "**ROUND ROBIN**" The number of games completed by all teams will determine the number of games used for the point system (i.e. if every team has completed 4 games, but half have completed 3 games, only the first 3 games will be used for points).

F.) If we're into "**BRACKET PLAY**" the number of games completed by all teams "**STILL**" in the "**WINNERS BRACKETS**" will determine the number of games used for the point system (i.e. if every team has completed 3 games, but half have completed 2 games, only the first 2 games will be used for points).

* Note: If we don't have all the 1st Round Game(s) in **BRACKET PLAY** complete, we will revert to Rule "**E**" to declare Tournament Champions.

Points will be awarded as follows.

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Tournament(s) Refund-Policies

OFC-Ohio Fastpitch Connection Hosted Tournament(s)

OFA-Ohio Fastpitch Association Hosted Tournament(s)

Pulling Out Before June 30, 2010

A.) 80% Of all fees paid will be Refunded.

Pulling Out After July 01, 2010

B.) **70%** Of all fees paid will be Refunded.

Pulling Out After July 07, 2010

C.) **"No Refund"**

D.) **No Refund if you only made a Deposit.**

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